

Appendix O: Initial Attack Delegation of Authority

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Memorandum

To: Initial Attack Incident Commanders responding to wildfires within the boundaries of Colorado National Monument

From: Superintendent, Colorado National Monument

Subject: Delegation of Authority

This Delegation of Authority is approved for Initial Attack Incident Commanders responding to wildfires within the boundaries of Colorado National Monument. (A more comprehensive delegation and WFSA that may include this language will be written should a fire escape initial attack). This delegation authorizes Incident Commanders to use their best professional judgement to order and use identified resources appropriately to suppress fires within the monument's defined wildland-urban interface zone (WUI). This zone is identified on the attached GIS map and can be described as the area from the mouth of Echo Canyon to the mouth of Kodel's Canyon and below the precambrian bench. This authority does not extent into the inner canyons nor mesa tops of the monument.

Within the WUI zone, without the pre-approval of the Colorado National Monument Superintendent, Incident Commanders are authorized to order and use engines, water tenders, air tankers and/or helicopters to deliver water, retardant chemicals or foam to suppress fires moving from the monument onto private or public lands . Fire suppression personnel are authorized to cut boundary fences and travel off-road within this area to access and suppress these fires. Crews are authorized to construct handline and use chainsaws without pre-approval, however Minimum Impact Suppression Tactics are encouraged. The use of bulldozers or other equipment with blades will require justification and consultation with the Superintendent or designee before their use will be authorized.

This Delegation of Authroity will remain in effect until cancelled by the Colorado National Monument Superintendent.

/s/ Palma E. Wilson

Attachment: WUI Delegation Map

Wildland Urban Interface Delegation Map

